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FROM: John Bohunsky

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RE: Conference with Chem-Mat Services

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DET. MICHAEL S. G. A.

There was a meeting held in our office on this date to discuss the unsatisfactory discharges made by Chem-Mat Services into the City of Detroit municipal sewer system. Samples have been collected during the past year which demonstrate excessive levels of suspended solids, copper, oil and high acid content waste is being discharged into the City of Detroit's system.

There is concern over the discharge of such substances into the City system for many reasons. First of all, the acid content of the waste is of such a character as to cause severe corrosive damage to the sewer. Secondly, the existing City of Detroit treatment system is not capable of handling the extremely high quantities of heavy metal waste. Finally, the Chem-Mat Services has a moral obligation to provide treatment of the waste prior to disposal into the municipal system. This firm is paid substantial quantities of money by industries for proper disposal of various types of industrial waste. The fact that Chem-Mat Services does not provide adequate treatment to such waste prior to disposal into the City of Detroit's system causes unfair advantage to firms who do maintain a reputable practice.

This meeting was attended by the following individuals: John Bohunsky, Wayne Denniston, Dave Dennis and John Shauver from the Bureau of Water Management, Henry Lane and Frank Pollard from the Detroit Water Board, Marle Crow from the Wastewater Division and Tom Kelly representing the Chem-Mat Services Company.

The meeting concluded with the understanding that the license to haul waste to the Mallon Road facility would be withheld pending approval of plans and specifications for treatment of waste prior to discharge into the City of Detroit's system. In other words, the hauling permit would not be issued to Chem-Mat Services for the disposal of waste at the Mallon Road site until such time as the City of Detroit approves plans for treatment facilities. Chem-Mat Services agreed to this condition and further agrees that no waste will be disposed of at the site until plan approval has been granted by the City of Detroit.

As a part of any plan developed by Chem-Mat Services, there was agreement on the part of the company that self monitoring requirements would be initiated. These monitoring requirements would pertain to specific substances brought to the site for disposal. In other words, if the company proposed to dispose of chromium waste at the site, the monitoring requirements would be established for chromium.

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There was the understanding of all parties present for this meeting that no further discharges of industrial waste would be permitted at the Mallon Road facility until plans and specifications had been approved both by the City and Detroit and the Bureau of Water Management.

JB:pb

cc: Denniston

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